



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE**

IN THE MATTER OF JUDICIAL DUTIES)
SECOND AMENDED ORDER FOR
2020 COURT ASSIGNMENTS

This Order is made to facilitate the distribution of files and proper routing of matters by court staff and supersedes any previous orders or addendums.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

I. Effective October 12, 2020, the following matters shall be referred directly by staff to the named judicial officer indicated unless otherwise expressly assigned:

- A. TO: JUDGE CLARE KEITHLEY – Department 11
2020 PRESIDING JUDGE;
2020 Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court;
Family law matters, with the exception of Butte County Department of Child Support Services-Title IV-D matters, as randomly assigned to equal forty percent of the total filings;
All Guardianships of the Person Only;
Supervisory duties of Collaborative Courts;
Supervisory duties of the Juvenile Division;
All other matters as assigned.

- 1 B. TO: JUDGE TAMARA L. MOSBARGER – Department 1
2 2020 ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE; Acts as Presiding Judge in the
3 absence of the Presiding Judge;
4 2020 SUPERVISING JUDGE OF THE CIVIL DIVISION;
5 All unlimited civil matters as randomly assigned;
6 All limited civil matters;
7 All civil matters relating to the California Environmental Quality Act;
8 All probate cases, excluding Guardianships of the Person only;
9 All LPS conservatorship cases;
10 All other matters as assigned.
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- 12 C. TO: JUDGE SANDRA L. McLEAN – Department 7
13 2020 SUPERVISING JUDGE OF THE FAMILY DIVISION;
14 Family law matters, with the exception of Butte County Department of Child
15 Support Services-Title IV-D, as randomly assigned to equal sixty percent of
16 the total filings;
17 All CRC 5.83 Family Law Case Management Status Conferences;
18 All other matters as assigned.
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- 20 D. TO: JUDGE KIMBERLY MERRIFIELD – Department 5
21 2020 SUPERVISING JUDGE OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION;
22 All felony matters where the defendant's last name begins with A-EA, and
23 Co-Defendants as specified in "Co-Defendant Assignments" (Exhibit A);
24 All other matters as assigned.
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- 1 E. TO: JUDGE ROBERT A. GLUSMAN – Department 10
2 All unlimited civil matters randomly assigned;
3 All asset forfeiture cases;
4 All other matters as assigned.
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6 F. TO: JUDGE JESUS A. RODRIGUEZ – Department 3
7 All felony matters where the defendant's last name begins with EB-LE, and
8 Co-Defendants as specified in "Co-Defendant Assignments" (Exhibit A);
9 All other matters as assigned.
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11 G. TO: JUDGE MICHAEL R. DEEMS – Department 2
12 All matters pertaining to the administration of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021
13 Grand Jury;
14 All felony matters where the defendant's last name begins with LF-RI, and
15 Co-Defendants as specified in "Co-Defendant Assignments" (Exhibit A);
16 All other matters as assigned.
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18 H. TO: JUDGE KRISTEN A. LUCENA – Department 4
19 All felony matters where the defendant's last name begins with RJ-Z and
20 Co-Defendants as specified in "Co-Defendant Assignments" (Exhibit A);
21 All other matters as assigned.
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23 I. TO: JUDGE STEPHEN E. BENSON – Department 6
24 All cases accepted into Drug Court;
25 All cases accepted into the HIDE (High Intensity Driving under the Influence
26 Enforcement) treatment court;
27 All cases being heard on the Domestic Violence criminal calendar;
28 All cases assigned to the Veterans Treatment Court calendar;
All cases accepted into the Mental Health Diversion calendar;

1 All cases accepted into the Military Diversion calendar;
2 All other matters as assigned.

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4 J. TO: JUDGE AS ASSIGNED

5 All Welfare & Institutions Code §300 matters;
6 All Adoptions;
7 All other matters as assigned.

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9 K. TO: JUDGE MICHAEL P. CANDELA – Department 8

10 All matters pertaining to elections, including matters brought under Elections
11 Code §2100 and §2142(a);
12 All misdemeanor DUI matters where the defendant is represented by a Public
13 Defender;
14 All other misdemeanor matters where the defendant's last name begins with
15 F-R;
16 All Penal Code §415 and §484-488-490.1(a) infractions where the defendant's
17 last name begins with F-R;
18 All other matters as assigned.

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20 L. TO: COMMISSIONER CORIE J. CARAWAY

21 All Parole and Post Community Release Supervision Revocation Petitions;
22 All misdemeanor DUI matters where the defendant is not represented by a
23 Public Defender;
24 All other misdemeanor matters where the defendant's last name begins with
25 A-E and S-Z;
26 All Penal Code §415 and §484-488-490.1(a) infractions where the defendant's
27 last name begins with A-E and S-Z;
28 All Juvenile infraction matters;

1 All Juvenile Welfare & Institutions Code §601 and §602 matters;

2 All Transitional Age Youth Pretrial Diversion matters;

3 All infractions under Education Code §48293(a);

4 All other matters as assigned.

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6 M. TO: COMMISSIONER KURT W. WORLEY

7 All Butte County Department of Child Support Services-Title IV-D matters;

8 All Penal Code §270 and §166(a)(4) matters related to Butte County

9 Department of Child Support Services-Title IV-D matters;

10 All Small Claims matters;

11 All Adult infraction matters, excluding Penal Code §415 and §484-488-

12 490.1(a), excluding infractions under Education Code §48293(a);

13 All Limited Unlawful Detainer matters;

14 All Civil Harassment matters;

15 All other matters as assigned.

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17 II. The following general principles are applicable in referring matters pursuant to these
18 assignments:

19 A. Orders submitted for signature shall be routed to the judicial officer who made
20 the order. If the judicial officer who made the order is unavailable, then it
21 shall be routed pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §635, as follows:

22 i. to the Supervising Judge of the division in which the unavailable
23 judicial officer presided; or

24 ii. to the Presiding Judge.

25 For the purposes of this section, a judge is unavailable for signature if the
26 judge is away from the court for more than five (5) consecutive Court days.

1 III. The following general principles apply when determining reassignment after a
2 disqualification of judicial officer:

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4 A. In the event a judicial officer is disqualified, or if the parties do not stipulate to
5 a Commissioner (if required), the case shall be referred to the Supervising
6 Judge of the division for reassignment, with exception of the following:

- 7 i. If the Supervising Judge is disqualified, the case shall be referred
8 to the Presiding Judge for reassignment.
- 9 ii. If the Presiding Judge is disqualified the case shall be referred to
10 the Assistant Presiding Judge for reassignment, pursuant to Civil
11 Code of Procedure §170.3(a)(2).
- 12 iii. If the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court is disqualified, the case
13 shall be referred to the Presiding Judge for reassignment.
- 14 iv. In divisions where only two Judges preside, if one is disqualified,
15 the case shall be reassigned to the Judge who has not been
16 disqualified. This shall also apply to the Criminal Misdemeanor
17 assignments.
- 18 v. In the Criminal Division, by this order, cases shall be reassigned
19 according to Exhibit B.
- 20 vi. In the Juvenile Division, if the assigned judge is disqualified, the
21 matter shall be referred to the Presiding Judge for reassignment.

22 B. Assignments of non-Criminal cases are for all purposes, within the meaning of
23 Code of Civil Procedure §170.6(a)(2). Assignments of non-Criminal cases as
24 a result of a disqualification, recusal or unavailability of another judicial
25 officer, will be assignments for all purposes, within the meaning of Code of
26 Civil Procedure §170.6(a)(2).

27 C. Assignments of Criminal cases are for all purposes within the meaning of
28 Code of Civil Procedure §170.6(a)(2) effective upon the first court appearance
 on the criminal calendar of the assigned judge. Assignments of Criminal
 cases as a result of a disqualification, recusal, or unavailability of another

1 judicial officer, will be assignments for all purposes, within the meaning of
2 Code of Civil Procedure §170.6(a)(2), effective upon the first court
3 appearance before that judicial officer.

4 D. If, at the felony trial assignment calendar, a jury trial is assigned to a trial
5 judge other than the previously assigned felony alpha judge, the parties will
6 have the right to exercise a peremptory challenge pursuant to Code of Civil
7 Procedure §170.6(a)(2) as to the newly assigned trial judge, unless the party
8 has previously exercised a peremptory challenge in the matter.

9 E. In the event that all judicial officers are disqualified, the matter shall be heard
10 by a visiting judge on the Shasta Exchange calendar or as otherwise assigned.

11 F. At the request of a neighboring court, the Presiding Judge will assign a Judge
12 of the Butte County Superior Court to assist as needed, to include Shasta
13 Superior Court on the Exchange Calendar.

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15 IV. Pursuant to Section 246 of the Welfare and Institutions Code of the State of
16 California, Judges Stephen E. Benson, Michael P. Candela, Michael R. Deems,
17 Robert A. Glusman, Clare Keithley, Kristen A. Lucena, Sandra L. McLean, Kimberly
18 Merrifield, Tamara L. Mosbarger and Jesus A. Rodriguez are designated as Judges of
19 the Juvenile Court.

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24 DATED: 10/13/2020

Clare Keithley
25 Hon. Clare Keithley
26 Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
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2020 Criminal Co-Defendant Assignments

Cases filed in the month of:	Assigned to:
January	Kimberly Merrifield – Department 5
May	
September	
February	Jesus A. Rodriguez – Department 3
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October	
March	Michael R. Deems – Department 2
July	
November	
April	Kristen A. Lucena – Department 4
August	
December	

2020 Criminal Judicial Officer Reassignment after Disqualification

Disqualified Judicial Officer	Reassigned Judicial Officer
Kimberly Merrifield	Jesus A. Rodriguez
Jesus A. Rodriguez	Kimberly Merrifield
Kimberly Merrifield and Jesus A. Rodriguez	Michael R. Deems
Michael R. Deems	Kristen A. Lucena
Kristen A. Lucena	Michael R. Deems
Michael R. Deems and Kristen Lucena	Kimberly Merrifield
Michael R. Deems, Kristen Lucena, Kimberly Merrifield and Jesus A. Rodriguez	Stephen E. Benson
Stephen E. Benson	Presiding Judge